

Torrance, California  
June 3, 1947

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, June 3, 1947 at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: Gilbert and Jackson.

This being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

A communication was read from the Torrance Area Youth Bands, signed by James Van Dyck, Director, requesting use of the Civic Auditorium for the entire day of June 21, 1947 for the purpose of enrolling new applicants into their organization.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Ralph S. Perkins, Superintendent of Streets, requesting that Roy Thompson, who was laid off from his duties as truck driver due to economy measures, be reinstated to his former position of truck driver during the vacation period, and as long thereafter as his services are needed in the department.

Mayor Sherfey believed that if Roy Thompson is reinstated it will create a precedent for other departments.

There was considerable discussion on the question of vacation, the number of truck drivers now employed and the amount of work to be handled in the Street Department. City Engineer Jain explained that the vacation period is now starting and will go on until September, and that for the next four months the men take their vacations concurrently, two men leaving at the same time.

Councilman Powell moved that the matter of reinstatement of Roy Thompson be referred to the Council for action at the next regular meeting of June 10, 1947. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

At 8:00 p.m. Councilman Gilbert arrived.

At 8:00 p.m. Clerk Bartlett opened bid from Standard Gas Company for franchise and privilege heretofore applied for by said corporation, said franchise and privilege for which bid is made being fully described in Resolution No. 1832 adopted by the City Council April 8, 1947. A certified check in the amount of \$100.00 accompanied the bid for franchise as per Notice of Sale of Franchise published in the Torrance Herald on the 17th and 24th days of April, 1947 and on the 1st and 8th days of May, 1947.

In reply to Mayor Sherfey's inquiry on the proper procedure to follow, City Attorney Willett informed him that there is already a pipe line in existence from which the City derives no revenue, and as this is the only bid submitted he recommended that it be accepted.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1839

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, SELLING AND  
AWARDING FRANCHISE AND APPROVING BOND.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1839 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jackson.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 389

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING TO STANDARD GAS COMPANY, AN IDAHO CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO LAY, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, REPAIR, RENEW, CHANGE THE SIZE OF, AND REMOVE PIPE LINES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF OIL, PETROLEUM, GAS, GASOLINE, WATER OR OTHER SUBSTANCES, IN, UNDER, ALONG AND ACROSS CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS, HIGHWAYS AND ALLEYS IN SAID CITY.

Councilman Gilbert moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 389 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jackson.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 389 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jackson.

A communication, in the form of a Release, was read from the United States Government, which when signed by officials of the City will release the United States Government from any and all claims for rental, and any and all other claims it may have arising out of or incidental to the use and/or occupancy of the Municipal Park, including baseball stadium, picnic tables and bandstand, at Arlington Avenue and Santa Fe Streets, in the City of Torrance.

Clerk Bartlett explained that on February 28, 1942 the City of Torrance granted the United States Government permission to use the Municipal Park and equipment.

Councilman Gilbert moved that action be deferred on this release until the next meeting in order to give the Council an opportunity to check it over. Councilman Tolson remarked that there was nothing to check over and that the signing of this release would free the United States Government from any and all claims by the City.

Councilman Gilbert said he was thoroughly satisfied whereupon he withdrew his prior motion and moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Release requested by the United States Government. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Civil Service Board referring to the City Council for consideration a request from the Chiefs of the Police and Fire Departments for a more stringent

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medical examination, and attached thereto forms used by the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission.

Clerk Bartlett explained that communications had been addressed to all city physicians advising them that the Civil Service Board had recommended to the City Council that one physician in the City be designated as the official doctor to give medical examinations to all applicants for employment, such examinations to be given at the expense of the City.

Chief Stroh addressed the Council saying that since the return of so many young men from the war it was more important than ever that greater care be given in the selection of men for the Fire and Police Departments, and he recommended that the Civil Service Board adopt the same system and use the same forms as the City of Los Angeles.

Councilman Gilbert asked Chief Stroh to put this recommendation in writing, and moved that Chief Stroh's recommendation for a more stringent medical examination, patterned after the system used by the City of Los Angeles, be concurred in. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

City Attorney Willett recommended that the claim of Robert S. Edwards against the City for damages to his car by one of the City's trucks be referred to the City's insurance carrier.

Councilman Powell moved that City Attorney Willett's recommendation be concurred in. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that K. E. Christensen be employed as a Mechanic's Helper in the Bus Garage, at a salary of \$225.00 per month, effective May 26, 1947.

It was explained that the Bus Garage is short a man. Councilman Gilbert discussed the question of whether Mr. Christensen was on the eligible list and if the appointment met the approval of the Civil Service Board. Councilman Tolson then amended his motion by adding thereto - subject to Mr. Christensen having an eligible rating. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion.

Clerk Bartlett remarked that this employment is only on a temporary basis. Councilman Gilbert remarked that he was not interested in whether the position is temporary or permanent, the question of importance being whether Mr. Christensen is on the eligible list.

There being a motion before the Council, Mayor Sherfey called for a vote which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jackson.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$135.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of 5,000 ten ride commutation books from Dillingham Printing Company, for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jackson.

Clerk Bartlett informed the Council that K. E. Christensen had already been working a week or more and requested authorization to pay him for such time worked.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Clerk Bartlett be authorized to pay K. E. Christensen for the time employed by the City of Torrance regardless of his status. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jackson.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$125.00 be made for electrical materials required in the re-installation of electrical service at the Fire Station. Councilman Gilbert seconded motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Powell, Tolson, and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jackson.

At 8:15 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Gilbert, and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Bunker  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

J. Hugh Sheriff Jr.  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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